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To: The Chairman and Members of Wainford Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1955, during which year, on 14th March, I became your Medical Officer of Health.

The year was marked by several items of importance:-

1. The general population has again decreased in number.
2. The birth rate is considerably less than for many years, even considering the fall in population.
3. The death rate is considerably less than that for England and Wales.
4. The infectious disease notifications of whooping cough show that insufficient children are being immunised against whooping cough.

The importance of immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough is to be stressed, and should be completed before the age of one year.

The information in this report on food premises, shops, factories and housing is compiled by your Sanitary Inspector, to whom I am indebted.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

P. G. CANNON

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area	44,871 acres
Registrar-General's estimate of population (mid 1955)	6,710
Number of inhabited houses	2,128
Rateable value as at 1.4.55	£20,990
Product of penny rate for 1954/55	£82 12s 5d

VITAL STATISTICS:

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births	43	44	87
(Illegitimate)	(1)	(1)	(2)

Illegitimacy rate	= 23.0
Illegitimacy rate (England & Wales)	= 46 per 1,000 live births
Birth rate per 1,000 population	= 13.0
Adjusted birth rate	= 14.4 (comparability factor 1.11)
Birth rate (England & Wales)	= 15.0

	Male	Female	Total
Still births	2	-	2
(Illegitimate)	-	-	-

Still birth rate per 1,000 total births (live and still) = 22.5

Still birth rate (England & Wales) = 23.1

Maternal Mortality = 1

Maternal mortality rate = 11.2

Maternal mortality rate (England & Wales) = .64

Infant Mortality

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	-	2	2
(Illegitimate)	-	-	-

Infantile mortality rate = 23.0

Infantile mortality rate (England & Wales) = 24.9

Causes of Infant Deaths

Female at 2 days after birth from congenital atelectasis.

Female at 19 hours after birth from atelectasis (Ipswich & East Suffolk Hospital).

Deaths - all ages

Male	Female	Total
35	33	68

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population = 10.1

Adjusted death rate = 8.5 (comparability

Death rate (England & Wales) = 11.7 factor 0.84)

Causes of death	Male	Female	Total
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	4	8
Diabetes	4	-	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	7	9
Coronary disease, angina	6	5	11
Other heart disease	9	8	17
Other circulatory disease	3	2	5
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	1	-	1
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1	1
Other defined and illdefined diseases	1	3	4
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	1	-	1
	35	33	68

Notes on Causes of Death

Bronchitis: Male of 81 with myocardial degeneration;
Female of 87, also with myocardial degeneration.

Influenza: Male of 77 - influenzal pneumonia was the cause of death.

Child Birth: The one case was in a female of 31 due to acute suppurative pyelonephritis and accelerated shock due to manual removal of retained placenta - in Patrick Stead Hospital.

Pneumonia: This was Lobar pneumonia plus bronchiectasis in man of 57 - in Patrick Stead Hospital.

Accident: Drowning of boy of 4 years.

Motor vehicle accident: Man of 43 on cycle was struck by car - fractured skull, cerebral haemorrhage.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS:

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Population	7058	7110	6940	7025	6830	6710
Number of inhabited houses	2029	2058	2151	2201	2174	2128 *
Number of live births	128	133	124	129	128	87
Birth rate (crude)	18.3	17.3	17.9	16.9	18.8	13.0
Number of still births	3	4	3	3	2	2
Maternal mortality	-	-	-	-	-	1
Infant mortality rate (Number of deaths)	39.0 (3)	22.5 (3)	24.2 (3)	23.2 (3)	46.9 (6)	23.0 (2)
Number of deaths (all ages)	76	76	92	73	93	68
Death rate (crude)	10.8	10.7	13.3	10.4	13.6	10.1

* This is a more accurate figure than formerly.

Note

1. There is a considerably reduced birth rate, even considering the fall in population; though the figure is only slightly less than the national figure.
2. The stillbirth rate is not unduly high. The cause of still birth is usually difficult or abnormal labour, and its prevention, so far as possible, is by adequate antenatal care.
3. One woman died of child birth.
4. Infant mortality rate is comparable in size to the national figure.
5. The death rate is low compared with 1954.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

The following confirmed cases of infectious disease were notified during the year:-

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet fever	1	-	1
Whooping cough	26	15	41
Measles	3	3	6
Acute pneumonia	3	1	4
Erysipelas	1	-	1
Infective hepatitis	-	4	4
	34	23	57

Notes on Infectious Disease

Scarlet Fever: The one case, in a boy of 9 years, was of mild type.

Whooping cough: The cases occurred mainly in the first three quarters of the year. Only 1 case was older than 9 years, and 13 were under 2. Note: The numbers indicate that insufficient children are receiving inoculation against this disease. The procedure of immunisation can be commenced at 3-4 months of age, certainly before 1 year of age.

Measles: Five cases were in the second quarter, and one in the last quarter. All were under 9 years of age.

Acute Pneumonia: Two cases occurred in first quarter, one in second quarter and one in last quarter. Two were over 65 years of age and two were in group 5-14 years.

Erysipelas: The one case was in last quarter of year in a man of over 65 years.

Infective Hepatitis: All four cases were in second quarter of year.

Note on Diphtheria Immunisation

The following are the figures for Wainford Rural District:-

During 1955, 87 primary immunisations were carried out by the general practitioners. The ages of the children immunised are as follows:-

Children born in 1955	15 were immunised
" " 1954	57 "
" " 1953	7 "
" " 1952	1 was immunised
" " 1951	2 were immunised
" " 1950	1 was immunised
" " 1949	1 "
" " 1948	1 "
" " 1947	2 were immunised

During the same year, 53 booster doses were given. During 1954, 102 primary immunisations were carried out.

The importance of immunisation against diphtheria is again to be stressed. In England and Wales 161 cases (provisional number) occurred in 1955. Of this number 11 died (provisional number) With a population unimmunised, diphtheria cases will increase.

TUBERCULOSIS:

	Males		Females		Total
	Pulm.	Non-Pulm.	Pulm.	Non-Pulm.	
Number of cases on register at 31.12.54.	11	7	3	5	26
Number of cases added during the year.	1	-	2	1	4
Number of cases removed during the year.	4	2	3	-	9
Number of cases on Register at 31.12.55.	8	5	2	6	21
<u>Cases added to Register</u>					
New notifications	2	<u>Cases removed from Register</u>			
Inward transfers	2	Recovered			
	-	Died			
		Removed to other areas			
Total	4	Total			
		9			

Comparable figures of Tuberculosis, at 31st December, 1955

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>			<u>Cases per 1,000 population</u>
		<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non-Pulm.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Beccles M.B.	7,130	16	5	21	2.9
Blyth R.D.	19,350	45	12	57	2.9
Bungay U.D.	3,560	20	7	27	7.6
Halesworth U.D.	2,310	14	3	17	7.4
Leiston-cum-Sizewell U.D.	4,150	16	3	19	4.6
Wainford R.D.	6,710	10	11	21	3.1

HOUSING.

(a)	Total No. of houses inspected during the year for all purposes	106
(b)	Total No. of houses found to be unsatisfactory	106
(c)	Nature of defects found to exist	Structural and cleanliness
(d)	<u>Housing repairs:-</u>	
(i)	<u>Informal.</u>	
	No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served	21
	No. of dwelling houses rendered fit as a result of informal action	21
(ii)	<u>Formal - Public Health Acts.</u>	
	No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served	NIL
	No. of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
	(a) By owners	NIL
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	NIL
(iii)	<u>Formal - Housing Acts.</u>	
	No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served	NIL
	No. of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
	(a) By owners	NIL
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	NIL
(e)	<u>Individual Houses.</u>	
	No. of dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	NIL
	No. of dwellings demolished as a result of Demolition Orders ...	1
	No. of dwellings in respect of which or part of which Closing Orders were made (Section 12 Housing Act, 1936)	NIL
	No. closed under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1953)	NIL
	No. of houses still occupied for human habitation in respect of which demolition or clearance orders have been made	31 (Est.)

(f) Provision of new Housing Accommodation.

	By Local Authority		By Private Enterprise	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
1. No. of houses in respect of which tenders were approved by the Ministry during 1955	NIL	NIL		
2. No. of houses completed during the year (Additional houses resulting from conversion)	4	NIL	7	NIL
			NIL	NIL
3. No. of houses in course of construction on 31/12/55	2	NIL	9	NIL
4. Total No. of houses owned by Council on 31/12/55.	377	22 occ. Huts		

(g) Housing Act, 1949. Part II.

	By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise
(i) <u>Improvements</u> Number of dwellings in respect of which applications for grant were (a) made during 1955 (b) approved by Council during 1955	NIL NIL	13 7
(ii) <u>Provision of dwellings by conversion</u> Number of dwellings in respect of which applications for grant were (a) made during 1955 (b) approved by Council during 1955	NIL NIL	NIL NIL

(h) Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding.

Number of dwelling houses known to be overcrowded at the end of 1954	NIL
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	NIL
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	NIL
Number of cases of overcrowding known to exist at the end of 1955	NIL

(i) Rent Increase.

No. of applications received for Certificates of Disrepair (Sec. 26 - Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)	1
No. of Certificates issued	NIL

(j) Guarantees for House Purchase.

No. of applications received for Guarantees (Sec. 5 - Housing Act, 1949)	NIL
No. of Guarantees issued	NIL

(k) Postponed Demolition etc.

(Sections 2 - 5 Housing Repairs & Rents Act, 1954).

No. of houses acquired by Local Authority (Sec. 3)	NIL
No. of houses retained (Sec. 4)	NIL
No. of houses where demolition is postponed (Sec. 2)	NIL
No. of houses where demolition is postponed (Sec. 5)	2

FOOD PREMISES.

(a) The number of food premises in the area and type of business (approx):-

Grocery and General	27
Butchers	1
Ice Cream only	5
TOTAL	33

(b) No. of premises inspected 46

(c) No. found to be unsatisfactory NIL

(d) No. rendered satisfactory:

(1) Informally NIL

(2) Formally NIL

(e) No. of premises registered under Section 14, Food & Drugs Act, 1938:

(1) Ice Cream - Manufacture NIL

Storage or Sale only 5

(2) Sausages, preserved food, etc. 1

(f) No. of Ice Cream samples taken for bacteriological examination .. NIL

No. of samples found to be unsatisfactory NIL

(g) No. of Dairies Registered 2

(h) No. of Milk Dealers Licences issued:

(i) Pasteurised 5

(ii) Tuberculin Tested 5

(iii) Sterilised NIL

(i) No. of licensed slaughter houses NIL

WATER.

No. of Samples taken:-

Public Water Supplies (Mains) - Bacteriological NIL

Chemical 1

Private Water Supplies - Bacteriological (Satisfactory 2
Unsatisfactory 2) 4

Chemical NIL

Salinity NIL

For Nitrate Analysis - Under 20 p.p.m. 33

20 p.p.m. and over 11

PUBLIC HEALTH (General).

Moveable Dwellings.

No. of site licences	1
No. of Individual Licences	5
No. of Inspections during the year (a) Sites	10
(b) Dwellings	15
No. of contraventions remedied	6

Rats and Mice Destruction.

Nos. of Inspections: Notified	48
Otherwise	1,797
Rate Infestations: Major	3
Minor	785
Mice only:	48
No. treated	818
No. of Block treatments	NIL
No. of premises treated: (a) Dwelling houses	799
(b) Other premises	34

Disinfection, etc.

No. of premises disinfected	2
No. of premises disinfested	5

Refuse Collection and Disposal by Contractor.

Frequency of collection	Fortnightly. Weekly in 3 Parishes.
Method of disposal	Refuse Tip.

SHOPS ACT, 1950 (Section 38).

No. of shops inspected	9
Contravention found	NIL
Contravention remedied	NIL

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Factories without Mechanical Power	NIL
Factories with Mechanical Power	4
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6
TOTAL	10

(Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948 continued)

No. of Factories and Workshops inspected	8
Cases in which defects were found	NIL
Referred by H.M. Inspector	NIL
No. of cases in which defects were remedied	NIL
No. of written notices	NIL
No. of Outworkers	NIL
